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ALLEGED COCAINE TRAFFICKERS INDICTED

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MIGUEL A. SALAS, 36, and MATIAS JOSE CARRERA, 33, Indianapolis, Indiana, were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for conspiracy to distribute in excess of 500 grams of cocaine, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Metro Drug Task Force, Beech Grove Police Department, Indianapolis Police Department, and the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

The indictment alleges that the defendants conspired to distribute cocaine on July 7, 2005 in Indianapolis.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who is prosecuting the case for the government, SALAS and CARRERA face a maximum possible prison sentence of 40 years imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$2,000,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled for before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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